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Lori Hunsaker, Program Specialist Utah Division of State History 300 Rio Grande Salt Lake City, Utah 84101-1182

Subject: Cultural Resources Concurrence Request, Christensen Ready Mix Inc., Fox Mine, S/039/0034,

Sanpete County, Utah

Dear Ms. Hunsaker:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has received a proposal from Christensen Ready Mix Inc. to mine landscape rock at their existing small mining operations on private lands in Section 16, Township 15 South, Range 4 East, Sanpete County, Utah.

The mine operator commenced mining on private land apparently without knowing a small mine permit with the Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining would be needed. Before the attached cultural resources study was provided to the Division, the operator partially buried sections of up to about 250 feet of a small irrigation ditch (42SP439) that was identified in the attached report by Bighorn Archaeological Consultants, LLC (and by previous archaeologists) as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). No other sites were identified as potentially eligible.

The partially buried ditch section does not appear to be significantly damaged, and reclamation activities would not significantly damage it either, though buried sections would remain buried. The mine operator has committed to avoid burial or other impacts to the ditch in the future.

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has determined that there will be **No Adverse Effects** in the future. The Division requests your concurrence with this action.

Thank you for your assistance. Please call me at 801-538-5261 if you have questions about this request.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker

Minerals Program Manager

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Attached: Cultural Resources Inventory for the Fox Mine
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